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COPENHAGEN, JUNE 12: FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSEN'S STATEMENT TO
THE PRESS

SUMMARY: DANISH BRIEFING ON EC FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN
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COPENHAGEN JUNE 12 BEGAN WITH OUR RECEIVING TEXT OF STATEMENT
READ TO THE PRESS BY DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSEN. ACCORDING
TO THE STATEMENT, THE MINISTERS RESOLVED POLITICAL COOPERATION
ASPECTS OF EC ENLARGEMENT WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON THE EC'S
RELATIONS WITH TURKEY. THE MINISTERS DEFERRED ANY DECISION ON
INCREASING EC PRESSURE ON SOUTH AFRICA; IDENTIFIED AREAS FOR JOINT
INITIATIVES DURING THE 33RD UNGA; AND DISCUSSED THE RELATIONS

BETWEEN THE EC AND EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT. FINALLY, THE PRESS WAS TOLD THAT THE MINISTERS HEARD REPORTS ON PRC FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE NETHERLANDS AND ON THE SITUATION IN ZAIRE. END SUMMARY.

1. MFA DEPUTY POLITICAL DIRECTOR PETER DYVIG BEGAN THE READ-OUT ON THE JUNE 12 EC FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING BY HANDING US THE TEXT OF DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER K.B. ANDERSEN'S STATEMENT MADE TO THE PRESS AFTER THE MEETING. DYVIG SAID THAT THE STATEMENT ITSELF HAD NOT BEEN APPROVED BY THE MINISTERS BEFORE ITS RELEASE, BUT THAT THE DANES BELIEVE IT WAS AN ACCURATE REFLECTION OF WHAT MINISTERS HAD AGREED ON.

2. THE STATEMENT IN FULL:

BEGIN TEXT "OUR MEETING TODAY WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE EUROPEAN POLITICAL CO-OPERATION WAS THE FOURTH ONE HELD AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL IN COPENHAGEN DURING THE DANISH PRESIDENCY. IN ADDITION TO THAT, FOREIGN POLICY MATTERS HAVE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS BEEN DEALT WITH ON THE MARGIN OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETINGS IN BRUSSELS. I MENTION THAT TO ILLUSTRATE HOW THE FOREIGN POLICY CO-OPERATION AMONG THE NINE HAS BECOME A PERMANENT ASPECT OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY.

"THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS WERE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING:

1) THE FUTURE OF THE EUROPEAN POLITICAL CO-OPERATION IN THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE ENTRY OF NEW MEMBER STATES TO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY.

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MEMBERSHIP OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY DOES ALSO INCLUDE A RIGHT AND AN OBLIGATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EUROPEAN POLITICAL COOPERATION OF THE NINE. NO NEGOTIATIONS ARE ENVISAGED IN THIS RESPECT AS IS THE CASE WITH REGARD TO SUBJECTS FALLING UNDER THE ROME TREATY. THE NEW MEMBER COUNTRIES MUST, HOWEVER, KNOW WHAT PARTICIPATION IN THE POLITICAL CO-OPERATION IMPLIES. EVEN IF PARTICIPATION WILL NOT TAKE PLACE BEFORE THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE ACCESSION-TREATIES, WE HAVE AGREED ON A PROCEDURE ON HOW GRADUALLY TO ASSOCIATE THE APPLICANT COUNTRIES WITH THE EUROPEAN POLITICAL COOPERATION IN PARALLEL WITH THEIR NEGOTIATIONS FOR ENTRY INTO THE EC. THE APPLICANT COUNTRIES WILL LATER TO-DAY BE MADE AWARE OF THE RESULTS OF OUR DELIBERATIONS, IN WHICH WE FORESEE BOTH A STAGE OF INFORMATION AND A STAGE OF CONSULTATION LEADING UP TO THE TIME OF FULL MEMBERSHIP OF THE EUROPEAN POLITICAL COOPERATION.

AS I SAID BEFORE, HOWEVER, FULL PARTICIPATION WOULD NOT COME ABOUT BEFORE THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE ACCESSION-TREATIES.

2) RELATIONS BETWEEN TURKEY AND THE MEMBER STATES OF THE EC AFTER ITS ENLARGEMENT.

AFTER ENTRANCE INTO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY OF THE THREE

APPLICANT COUNTRIES (GREECE, PORTUGAL, AND SPAIN), TURKEY WILL BE THE ONLY ASSOCIATED MEMBER OF THE EC WITH FULL MEMBERSHIP IN MIND. AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND, BUT ALSO IN THE LIGHT OF THE IMPORTANCE THAT THE NINE FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS ATTACH TO A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH TURKEY - POLITICALLY AS WELL AS ECONOMICALLY - IT HAS ALSO BEEN CONSIDERED WHAT WE CAN DO TO STRENGTHEN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH TURKEY IN REGARD TO THE EUROPEAN POLITICAL COOPERATION. AS I, AS PRESIDENT OF THE EC, RAISED THIS PROBLEM AT OUR MEETING HELD ON FEB 14, I AM MOST SATISFIED THAT THE MATTER HAS NOW BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY DEALT WITH AND THAT A CONSTRUCTIVE SOLUTION IN PRINCIPLE HAS BEEN AGREED UPON.

3. INITIATIVES BY THE EC VIS-A-VIS SOUTH AFRICA.

AS YOU MAY REMEMBER, WE DECIDE A YEAR AGO TO KEEP THIS MATTER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ON THE AGENDA OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS WHENEVER THEY MEET. IT IS WELL KNOWN THE NINE HAVE REPEATEDLY CONDEMNED THE APARTHEID POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA.

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LAST YEAR WE DECIDE TO INITATE A STUDY OF POSSIBLE COMMON MEASURES BY THE NINE IN RELATION TO SOUTH AFRICA WITH THE AIM OF USING THE COLLECTIVE WEIGHT OF THE COMMUNITY INORDER TO INFLUENCE SOUTH AFRICA TO ABANDON ITS POLICY OF APARTHEID. IN LINE WITH THIS POLICY AND RECOGNIZING THE NEED FOR FURTHER PRESSURE ON THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT, WEHAVE DECIDED TO ASK OUR OFFICIALS TO CONTINUE TO PREPARE CONCRETE PROPOSALS FOR COMMON ACTION IN SOME SPECIFIC AREAS OF OUR ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA.

4) CO-OPERATION AMONG THE NINE IN THE UNITED NATIONS.

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UNDER THIS ITEM WE HAVE DISCUSSED HOW TO ENLARGE THE ALREADY EXISTING AND USEFUL COOPERATION AMONG THE NINE THAT HAS BEEN DEVELOPED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE UNITED NATIONS' GENERAL ASSEMBLY. I THINK THAT THIS ASPECT OF THE EUROPEAN POLITICAL CO-OPERATION IS REGARDED BY ALL OF US AS MOST CONSTRUCTIVE. THIS CO-OPERATION WAS LAST MANIFESTED AT THE SPECIAL SESSION OF UN TO DEAL WITH DISARMAMENT WHERE THE DANISH PRESIDENCY (MINISTER LISE OSTERGAARD) PRESENTED A STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE NINE. THIS WAS, BY THE WAY, THE FIRST TIME THE NINE SPOKE TOGETHER IN THE DISARMAMENT FIELD.

THE MEETING TODAY TOOK PLACE ON THE BASIS OF A REPORT FROM OUR UN AMBASSADORS IN WHICH THEY HAVE ESPECIALLY POINTED OUT DIFFERENT AREAS WHERE THE NINE COULD CONSIDER TAKING INITIATIVES DURING THE 33RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY. IN THE LIGHT OF DIRECTIVES FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTERS, WORK IN THIS FIELD WILL NOW BE PURSUED AT THE LEVEL OF OFFICIALS. THEY WILL AMONG OTHER THINGS CONSIDER ACTION BY THE NINE IN REGARD TO UN-PEACE-KEEPING OPERATIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS (INCLUDING THE IDEA OF A UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS).

5) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

UNDER THIS ITEM I RAISED THE QUESTION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN POLITICAL COOPERATION AND THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT. THIS IS ANOTHER FEATURE OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY WHICH HAS UNDERGONE A CLEAR INTENSIFICATION.

THE PURPOSE WAS TO SEE WHAT COULD BE DONE TO FURTHER THIS RELATIONSHIP. IN THE LIGHT OF MY OWN EXPERIENCE IN THE EUROPEAN PARLAA-

MENT AS PRESIDENT OF THE EC I ESPECIALLY WANTED TO DISCUSS HOW,
FOR EXAMPLE, THE ANSWER THAT THE PRESIDENT ON BEHALF OF THE NINE
IS GIVING TO QUESTIONS IN THE PARLIAMENT COULD BE GIVEN A MORE
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SUBSTANTIAL AND POLITICAL NATURE. FURTHERMORE MY COLLEAGUES AND I
ASKED THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE TO LOOK INTO THE QUESTIONS RAISED
IN THE SO-CALLED BLUMENFELDT-RESOLUTION CONTAINING A NUMBER OF
SPECIFIC PROPOSALS TO IMPROVE THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE EPC AND
THE PARLIAMENT.

I SHOULD ALSO MENTION THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF THE NETHERLANDS
GAVE US A REPORT ON THE RECENT VISIT BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA TO HOLLAND.

THE SITUATION IN ZAIRE WAS NOT ON THE AGENDA AS THIS MATTER - IN
ITS ACTUAL PHASE - IS NOT BEING DEALT WITH BY THE EC, BUT BY
CERTAIN DIRECTLY INVOLVED COUNTRIES THE MAJORITY OF WHICH ARE ALSO
MEMBERS OF THE EC.

THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THESE COUNTRIES INFORMED US INFORMALLY
OF THEIR DELIBERATIONS AND EFFORTS TO HELP SOLVE THE SITUATION IN
ZAIRE - BOTH IN THE ACTUAL AND IN A LONGER PERSPECTIVE.

IN REGARD TO THE MEETING IN BREMEN OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL WE
DECIDED TO HAVE A LOOK AT SUCH POLITICAL SUBJECTS WHICH COULD BE
DISCUSSED BY THE HEADS OF STATE/GOVERNMENTS ON THE MARGIN OF THE
MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS IN LUXEMBOURG ON JUNE 27. IT
WAS REGARDED AS BEING TOO EARLY AT THIS MEETING." END TEXT
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